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AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Takashi IGARASHI et al

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For : IMAGE OUTPUTTING  
APPARATUS AND APPARATUS  
ADMINISTRATING SYSTEM

Art Unit : 2141

Examiner : Bradford F. Fritz

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as a Petition for the requisite  
extension of time, and to the  
extent not already paid,  
authorization to charge the  
extension fee to Account  
No. 06-1378. In addition,  
authorization is hereby given  
to charge any fees for which  
payment has not been submitted,  
or to credit any overpayments,  
to Account No. 06-1378.

**A M E N D M E N T**

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S I R :

This is responsive to the Office Action mailed  
January 23, 2006, the term for response to which is extended  
by one month by Petition filed concurrently herewith to  
May 23, 2006.

**Amendments to the Claims** are set forth in the listing of  
claims which begins on page 2 of this paper. Claims 1-23 are  
canceled; claims 24, 26, 27, 31, 33, 41 and 44 are amended; and  
claims 25, 28-30, 32, 34-40, 42, 43 and 45-50 are maintained.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this paper.